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Now, there is a proposal that Michigan is currently moving forward which would allow directional drilling under the Great Lakes.

Mr. Speaker, blackouts in California leave the State's economy dead. When California dies, America's economy becomes seriously ill. What we need is answers and solutions, not partisan, attack-style politics. We all need to work together, both Democrats and Republicans, to solve California's problems. Creating a balanced, fair and comprehensive energy plan for the future that utilizes our coal and our natural gas will safeguard our national economy and secure an adequate livelihood for all Americans.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAW). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 368, nays 49, answered "present" 1, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 195]

YEAS—368